

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 16 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend the remaining claims as indicated.

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D' 1. (Currently Amended) Flat or semi-flat element comprising a partly or completely circumambient frame, which element is manufactured through injection molding of a thermoplastic polymeric material, wherein the element comprises a carrying structure, constituted by the a frame, and a wall section, which wall section is connected to the circumambient frame via a resilient section, the resilient section being a part of the wall section, wherein differences in the temperature related shrinkage between the circumambient frame and the wall section are absorbed by the resilient section whereby the resilient section prevents warping of the element.

2. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 1, wherein the frame is formed by a U-shaped profile.

3. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 1, wherein the wall section is connected to the frame about the gravity center line of the frame.

4. (Currently Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according claim 1, wherein ~~the frame is a closed hollow profile formed through injection of a pressurised fluid into a still molten thermoplastic material, that~~ the material thickness of the wall section is thinner closest to the connection between the frame and the wall section than the average thickness of the wall section and the frame, and further comprising a barrier in the ~~is formed in this~~ connection part at the solidification of the thermoplastic material, which barrier prevents ~~the~~ pressurised fluid used during the injection molding from entering the wall section during the manufacturing process.

5. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 1, wherein the material thickness of the wall section is thinner closest to the connection between the frame

and the wall section than the average thickness of the wall section and the frame, whereby a pivot line is formed, which pivot line facilitates resilient action in the wall section.

6. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 1, wherein the element forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

7. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 2, wherein the wall section is connected to the frame about the gravity center line of the frame.

D 8. (Currently Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 2, wherein ~~the frame is a closed hollow profile formed through injection of a pressurised fluid into a still molten thermoplastic material, that~~ the material thickness of the wall section is thinner closest to the connection between the frame and the wall section than the average thickness of the wall section and the frame, and further comprising a barrier in the ~~is formed in this~~ connection part at the solidification of the thermoplastic material, which barrier prevents ~~the~~ pressurised fluid used during the injection molding from entering the wall section during the manufacturing process.

9. (Currently Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 3, wherein ~~the frame is a closed hollow profile formed through injection of a pressurised fluid into a still molten thermoplastic material, that~~ the material thickness of the wall section is thinner closest to the connection between the frame and the wall section than the average thickness of the wall section and the frame, and further comprising a barrier in the ~~is formed in this~~ connection part at the solidification of the thermoplastic material, which barrier prevents ~~the~~ pressurised fluid used during the injection molding from entering the wall section during the manufacturing process.

10. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 2, wherein the material thickness of the wall section is thinner closest to the connection between the frame and the wall section than the average thickness of the wall section and the frame, whereby a pivot line is formed, which pivot line facilitates resilient action in the wall section.

11. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 3, wherein the material thickness of the wall section is thinner closest to the connection between the frame and the wall section than the average thickness of the wall section and the frame, whereby a pivot line is formed, which pivot line facilitates resilient action in the wall section.

12. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 2, wherein the element forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

13. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 3, wherein the element forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

14. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 4, wherein the element forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

15. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 5, wherein the element forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

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17. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 1, wherein the frame is formed by a plurality of ribs, the plurality of ribs spaced at a distance from each other smaller than the height of the height of each of the plurality of ribs.

18. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 1, wherein the frame is formed by a closed hollow profile.

19. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 1, wherein the wall section is connected to the frame, such that any disparate shrinking is absorbed by the resilient section without any relative movement between the wall section and the frame.

20. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 3, wherein the wall section is connected to the frame at the gravity center line of the frame.

21. (Previously Amended) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 7, wherein the wall section is connected to the frame at the gravity center line of the frame.

22. (New) A container comprising a plurality of sidewalls and optionally a lid, at least one selected from the group consisting of at least one of the sidewalls and the lid comprising the flat or semi-flat element of claim 1.

23. (New) A collapsible container comprising a plurality of sidewalls and optionally a lid, at least one selected from the group consisting of one of the plurality of sidewalls and the lid comprising a flat or semi-flat element comprising a partly or completely circumambient frame, which element is manufactured through injection molding of a thermoplastic polymeric material, wherein the element comprises a carrying structure, constituted by the frame, and a wall section, which wall section is connected to the circumambient frame via a resilient section, the resilient section being a part of the wall section, wherein differences in the temperature related shrinkage between the circumambient frame and the wall section are absorbed by the resilient section whereby the resilient section prevents warping of the element.

24. (New) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 1, wherein the wall section and the circumambient frame have disparate thicknesses.

25. (New) A container comprising a plurality of sidewalls and optionally a lid, at least one selected from the group consisting of at least one of the sidewalls and the lid comprising the flat or semi-flat element of claim 24.